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II—Fire Funds..... 3,857,047
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Sinking Fund Account..... 122,230
\$23,970,367
Revenue Fire Branch..... \$2,381,466
Life and Annuity..... 2,141,583
Revenue Marine Department... 337,239
Other Receipts..... 478,940
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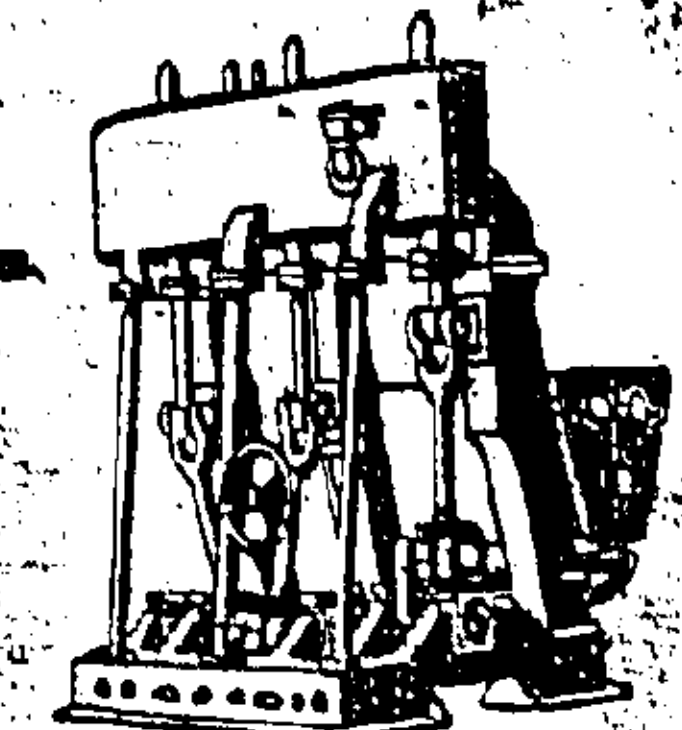
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THE WAR. TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service in the China Mail.)

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**NETHERLANDS' HOSPITALITY TO
BRITISH PRISONERS.**
**SIR GEORGE CAVE'S
IMPRESSIONS.**
AMSTERDAM, July 4.
Sir George Cave (the Home Secre-
tary and one of the British repre-
sentatives at the War Prisoners
Conference, from which he has just
been suddenly recalled), interviewed,
said:—
"I have always been an admirer
of Holland, and am impressed by
the fortitude with which the Dutch
nation is bearing the necessary war
hardships and the great courtesy and
hospitality which have been accorded
us. I am delighted to hear that the
Netherlands speak so well of the
conduct of the British soldiers, who
are the guests of Holland. I hope
the action of the Netherlands in con-
nection with our prisoners of war
will form a link of friendship
uniting the British and Dutch
nations."

THE WESTERN FRONT.
**ENEMY CAPTURES GROUND FROM
BRITISH.**
HEAVY BOMBARDMENT
PRECEDES ATTACK.
London, July 3.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—
After heavy bombardment the
enemy on the night of the 2nd
attacked and re-captured a great
part of the ground taken by us in a
minor operation on the evening of
June 30.
We carried out successful raids in
the neighbourhoods of Boyelles,
Moyen-Neville and Meris, taking a
few prisoners in each case.

**AMERICANS ANNIHILATE ENEMY
REGIMENT.**
**HEAVY FIGHTING AGAINST
AMERICANS EXPECTED.**
London, July 3.
Reuter's Correspondent at Ameri-
can Headquarters, telegraphing yes-
terday, says:—
The Germans are bringing up
considerable reinforcements in con-
sequence of the American success
north-west of Chateau Thierry, when
a complete enemy regiment was
virtually annihilated.
Heavy fighting is expected.
The enemy is furiously shelling
Elli 204 on the front of which fight-
ing is proceeding.
There have been three successful
American raids in the Montdidier
region during the past three days.

**GERMAN DEMANDS ON
RUSSIA.**
**DISARMAMENT OF CZECHO-
SLOVAKS.**
London, July 3.
The Daily Chronicle's Correspond-
ent at Stockholm says the Bolshe-
viks have accepted the German
demand for the disarmament and
surrender of the Czecho-Slovaks.

**THE AFTERMATH OF RUMANIA'S
PEACE.**
**IMPEACHMENT OF GOVERN-
MENT.**
AMSTERDAM, July 3.
A telegram from Bucharest refer-
ring to the impeachment of the
Bratianu Government states that
the Vice-President of the Chamber
said that Government was being
prosecuted not because it began the
war but because it violated the
Constitution.

A UNITED SIBERIA.
TOMSK THE NEW CAPITAL.
LONDON, July 3.
The Daily Express Correspondent
at Stockholm says the two Siberian
Governments, the Eastern with its
capital at Harbin, and the Western
with its capital at Omsk, have united
and chosen Tomsk as their new
capital.
Their main military force consists
of Czecho-Slovaks, besides several
corps of volunteers and officers.
The whole movement is directed
by M. Kerensky from outside.

**AUSTRO-GERMAN PRISONERS IN
RUSSIA.**
**FIGHTING FOR BOLSHEVIKS
AGAINST CZECHO-SLOVAKS.**
AMSTERDAM, July 3.
The Cologne Gazette admits that
the Austro-German prisoners of war
are fighting for the Bolsheviks against
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are forced to do so by hunger.

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PATENT LAW FLAWS.

HOW HUNS MIGHT STEAL A
MARCH ON BRITISH TRADE.

Much anxiety is felt among inventors
and manufacturers at the present state
of the patent law. Unless steps are
taken to remedy the anomaly that now
exists a great deal of inconvenience to
British inventors is anticipated after the
war.

The root of the trouble lies in the
method of dating our patents. Under
the present patent law we accept
specifications for German or Austrian
inventions, if sent through a neutral
country, and retain them until after the
war, when the patents will be granted.

But, instead of the patents being
granted from the date of the conclusion
of hostilities, they are granted from the
time the specification was filed. Thus a
German specification sent through
Holland and filed by the British
authorities in 1915 will be protected not
from the end of the war, but from 1915.

This is where the trouble will come
after the war. The danger of this
method is pointed out by Mr. G. H.
Barnes, the well known patent agent.

"It means," he says, "that a German
patentee may be able to lay claim for
infringement of patent rights against
anyone in this country who during the
war may have thought of and adopted a
similar idea."

"A British manufacturer has an idea
for something new in boots; he obtains
machinery and manufactures the boot.
He knows nothing of any such invention
made by a German for patents are not
announced until they are granted. But
at the end of the war he may find to his
disarm, that his idea, which he evolved,
say, in 1917, was specified by a German
before that time, and given protection at
the end of the war from the date of
specification say, 1915.

"According to the law the unfortunate
Englishman will either have to pay the
German a royalty or stop manufacturing the
patented article."

"The German Patent Office guards
against a similar anomaly by granting
patents on British specifications only
from the date of their issue, which, of
course, will not be until the end of the
war—trust them for that."

JAPANESE TRAMP STEAMERS.

According to authentic returns, the
Japanese tramp steamers above 1,000
ton class numbered at the end of
May 301 with the aggregate of
793,433 tons gross, including 127 ocean
goers with 486,035 tons and 174
adjacent-sea steamers with 307,398 tons
gross.

Apart from the 23 steamers offered
to the U. S. Government, the merchant-
men under charter by foreign Govern-
ments and private foreigners were
returned at 90 with the aggregate
tonnage of 68,549 tons at the end of
May last.

Particulars of the above-mentioned
ocean-goers are shown under:-

Services. No. of Steamers. Tons gross.

N. American..... 40 158,213

European..... 7 22,452

Indian..... 45 153,952

South Seas..... 12 37,385

Australian..... 9 27,525

Port Said..... 13 53,415

S. African..... 1 3,113

A STATE-SUBSIDISED RIVAL OF
THE CIVILIAN.

The danger of the soldier discharged
with a pension, becoming the State-subsidised rival of the civilian, writes a cor-
respondent, is a very real one, and it is
difficult to see how it can be dealt with
save by the State. It is pretty obvious
that the matter cannot be left to the moral
consciousness of employers in general.
Long before the war was thought of the
pensioned soldier was exploited and
practically penniless on account of his
position.

A cadet instructor, for instance, at a
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payment, whether the employee has a
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A LADY MAYOR OF LONDON!

"Women's Day" possesses a special
significance for the sex, says the *Daily
Chronicle*. Six millions of them now
possess the vote; they have this week
seen the third reading in the Lords of
the Bill to enable them to become attor-
neys; one of their sex is elected vice-
chairman of the L.O.O. Now there is
talk of a lady Lord Mayor of London,
to the great consternation of masculine
members of the Corporation. Of course,
we have had lady mayors, but Lon-
don's chief magistrate? He ranks as an
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"SPHERES OF INTEREST" IN CHINA.

THE extent to which the Japanese by means of loans for every conceivable purpose are acquiring control over the resources of China is certainly viewed in many quarters with unconcealed dismay. The vast latent wealth of China excited the interest, we might even say envy, of the great Commercial Powers of the world many years ago, and we look back on the "Battles for Concessions" and the controversies among the Powers over "spheres of interest" with amused interest. One had come to suppose that the "spheres of interest" idea had been finally defeated by the international acceptance of the principles of the "open door" and equality of trade for all comers in China, though we believe that none of the Powers which formerly insisted on recognition of "spheres of interest" have ever formally renounced them. Indeed in the House of Commons a few days ago when Mr. BALFOUR was questioned regarding reports of the acquisition of important iron mines in the Yangtze Valley by the Japanese he rather conveyed the impression that the Government regards the understanding as still existing, but is not prepared to enforce it. Mr. BALFOUR's statement was that these mines are situated in the Yangtze River area which His Majesty's Government had always regarded as their special sphere of interest in China in the sense that British subjects possess a prior claim to favourable consideration by the Chinese authorities of applications they make for industrial concessions in that region; but they think that neither British nor any other foreign claim to spheres of interest in China should be pressed inconsistently with the principle of the open door. Mr. BALFOUR added that neither the British Ambassador nor the Foreign Office had been consulted in the matter. There does not seem to be any special reason why either the British Ambassador or the Foreign Office should have been consulted unless there is still a definite undertaking to that effect on the part of the Chinese Government. If there is it would naturally be expected that the Ambassador would intervene without waiting to be consulted. It is seen, in fact, that the policy of the "open door" is quite ineffective to secure a "sphere of interest" for any Power which is reluctant to compete for stakes which are offering. The Japanese negotiations for this particular mine date, in fact, from the time of YUAN SHIH KAI'S Presidency when the Japanese firm of OKURA & Co. lent a Chinese syndicate a million dollars to develop the mine. Four successive Ministers of Commerce refused to ratify the loan. The Japanese firm refused to accept the return of the money, hoping that the Loan Agreement would eventually be recognised by the Chinese Government, and at length their hopes have been realised.

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TELEGRAMS.

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CHINA'S TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOODSTUFFS EXPORTED.

BELIEVED TO REACH GERMAN AGENTS.

LONDON, July 3. The Daily Mail Correspondent at Harbin, telegraphing on June 26th, says the Chinese have been sending to Russia large quantities of cotton goods, blankets, furs, oils, coffee and other goods which are vitally needed in Germany since the removal of the embargo on exports, which was originally intended to complete the blockade of Germany in the East.

The Chinese urge the necessity of benefiting their competitors in Russia, who are in need of supplies, but there is reason to believe that the goods will pass through Irkutsk to rich Germans.

ALLIED ASSISTANCE TO RUSSIA URGED.

THE ONLY COUNTER-STROKE TO GERMAN DOMINATION.

LONDON, July 3. The Daily Mail, in an editorial, urges upon the Allies the necessity of immediate action in helping Russia through Siberia by military assistance, which will place the necessities of life within the reach of the primitive population, as the only counter-stroke to German domination of European Russia.

BRITISH SHIPBUILDING DURING LAST QUARTER.

INCREASE OF 78 PER CENT. ON PREVIOUS YEAR.

LONDON, July 3. The Admiralty announces that 134,150 tons of merchant shipping were completed in the United Kingdom during June, compared with 107,274 tons in May.

The total for the year ending June 30th is 1,431,150 tons.

The Controller of Merchant Shipbuilding comments that it is encouraging to note that the tonnage of merchantmen completed in the United Kingdom during the quarter ending June 30th shows an increase of 78 per cent. over the corresponding quarter of 1917.

DEATH OF AN M.P.

LONDON, July 3. Mr. J. Allen Baker (Liberal M.P. for East Finsbury) was taken ill in the House of Commons last evening and died this morning.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

BRITISH FRONT QUIET.

LONDON, July 2. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says there is nothing to report beyond normal mutual artillery activity.

AERIAL ACTIVITIES.

LONDON, July 2. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—

In the five weeks of July 1 our aeroplanes were very active. We destroyed 25 aeroplanes, three balloons, and drove down 15 aeroplanes out of control. Two large enemy night-fighters also landed behind our lines and the occupants were taken prisoners.

Eight of our machines are missing. We dropped 22 tons of bombs in the day-time and 13 tons at night.

All our night-fighters returned.

FRENCH REPULSE RAIDS.

LONDON, July 3. A French communiqué states:—

Between the Oise and the Aisne we repulsed two raids east of Vireux and captured the village of St. Pierre-Aigle south of the Aisne, taking 30 prisoners.

A German counter-attack upon positions in the region of Vireux and west of Chateau Thierry, captured by the Americans, completely failed.

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West of Chateau Thierry a hostile counter-attack in the region of Vireux failed under our fire. We took prisoners.

German attempts north-east of Moncel in Upper Alsace were also without result.

FRENCH POSITIONS IMPROVED.

LONDON, July 2. A French communiqué states:—

West of Chateau Thierry a local operation executed in conjunction with American troops enabled us to improve our positions on the front from Vaux to Hill 201. The Americans captured the village of Vaux and the heights westward of it.

Over 300 prisoners, including five officers, were taken in this action.

We carried out raids between Montdidier, Noyon and east of Rheims and took prisoners.

Enemy attempts near Belleroy and in Upper Alsace failed under our fire.

AMERICAN LINE ADVANCED.

LONDON, July 3. An American communiqué states:—

We stormed the village of Vaux, Bois-de-la-Roche and neighbouring woods in co-operation with the French, who advanced their line on Hill 204. We advanced our positions 1,000 yards on a mile-and-a-half front. The enemy's losses in killed and wounded were heavy. His regiment holding the sector resisted obstinately and was practically annihilated. Our losses were relatively light.

A German counter-attack was entirely repulsed. We took 500 prisoners, increasing the prisoners taken during June in this vicinity to nearly 1,200. The material captured includes trench mortars and 60 machine-guns.

Three of our aviators have not returned.

ENEMY'S PUZZLING RESTFULNESS.

LONDON, July 2. Reuters' Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says: The enemy's puzzling restfulness continues along the whole front. It has been conjectured that he is waiting the arrival of a type of intermediate between the "Bertha" and naval guns whereby a large number of heavy shells can be thrown into Paris from a distance of forty or fifty miles range which is made possible by the most recent advance of his line.

Lieutenant Coppens, a Belgian balloon strainer, has brought up his record to thirteen, destroying three more balloons within two hours.

AIR-RAIDS BY BRITISH.

LONDON, July 3. An official message by the Independent Air Force states:—

On the night of July 1/2 we successfully attacked the aerodrome at Bonlay. Bombs were observed on the aerodrome and huts. We bombed, with good effect, the Oppau Works Soda-fabrik and also Raillin, Mannheim and the railway works at Thionville. We bombed the railway station at Treves on July 20.

Twelve enemy machines attacked our formation over the objective of which we shot down one. We also bombed the railway siding and a shed at Coblenz, with good results.

All our machines returned.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

SUCCESSFUL ITALIAN OPERATIONS.

LONDON, July 2. An Italian official message states:—

Our artillery fire crushed new enemy attacks on the Asiago Plateau, inflicting heavy losses. We took 127 prisoners as well as four trench-cannons.

British parties southward of Asiago captured prisoners.

Our operations in the north-western region of Grappa yielded important positions and 568 prisoners, of whom 19 are officers, and many machine-guns.

We captured during June 28 and 30 on Monte Valbella, Col del Rosso and Col del Cielo four guns, 11 trench-mortars, 57 machine-guns and thousands of rifles.

SUPERIORITY OF ITALIANS.

ENEMY LOSSES EXTREMELY HEAVY.

LONDON, July 2. Reuters' Correspondent at the Italian Headquarters, telegraphing on July 1, says:—

By the capture of the two heights between Valbella and Valfrenzola the Italians have again obtained command of the whole of this series of hills east of the Asiago Plateau and between that region and the Brenz Valley. The latest success effectively interferes with any serious Austrian menace in this direction, which was always possible as long as Valbella height was in their possession.

One of the chief features of the action was the entire superiority of the Italian over the Austrian artillery. The latter seemed incapable of either accurate counter-battery work or interfering seriously with the movement of troops and stores on the lines of communication.

The prisoners are almost entirely composed of Germans, Austrians and Hungarians. Our attacking troops were actually fewer in number than the prisoners taken, which bears out the opinion expressed by a well-known General that the Italian victory had added thirty per cent. to their fighting value and had detracted an equal amount from the Austrians.

The enemy losses on June 29 and 30 were extremely heavy, and it must be borne in mind that the opposing troops were among the pick of the Austrian Army and commanded by a General in whom the greatest confidence is reposed.

LORD RHONDDA DEAD.

LONDON, July 2. The Press Bureau states that Lord Rhondda's heart shows signs of failing.

LONDON, July 3. Lord Rhondda is dead.

BRITISH AIRMEN BOMB CATTARO.

ROME, July 3. An Admiralty official message says:—

Five British aeroplanes on July 1 dropped a ton of bombs on the enemy base at Cattaro. A ship in a submarine base was set on fire and one bomb fell in the middle of the submarine quarter.

All the machines returned safely.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CONFERENCE.

MEASURES TO DEFEAT GERMAN METHODS.

LONDON, July 2. The International Parliamentary Commercial Conference opened this morning at Westminster Palace. Representatives of Great Britain, France, the United States, Italy, Belgium, Greece, Serbia, China, Japan and Portugal were present.

The subjects for discussion include the unfair methods of the Germans to dominate the commerce of the world.

Mr. Bonar Law welcomed the delegates and said one would have thought that nothing new as regards German brutality could have happened, but the sinking of the *Llandovery Castle* was an unspeakable outrage. Nothing could be gained by talking about it. "The wild beast is as large and there is no use arguing or reasoning with it. The only thing to do is to destroy it. (Cheers.) That is our duty and we and all the Allies have to set our teeth until that end is achieved." (Cheers.)

The Conference unanimously passed a resolution urging the Entente Governments to carry out, as soon as possible, adequate measures to defeat the German conspiracy to dominate the trade of the world, which included dumping, espionage and other similar practices, and recommending the establishment of an Inter-Allied Entente of Commerce in this connection.

COMMAND OF ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIALS.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS BY WAR CONFERENCE.

LONDON, July 2. In the House of Commons, replying to Brigadier-General G. H. Page Croft (Unionist M.P. for Christchurch), Mr. Bonar Law said the question of the best methods of securing command of essential raw materials produced within the Empire and by our Allies, during the reconstruction period, had been considered by the Imperial War Conference, which arrived at important decisions on the subject which he hoped would form a basis of discussion with the Allies and lead to the co-operation desired.

THE "LLANDOVERY CASTLE."

NO MORE SURVIVORS FOUND.

LONDON, June 2. The Admiralty states that the area between the spot where the *Llandovery Castle* sank and the south-western coast of Ireland has been thoroughly searched by two groups of warships in addition to the *Lyander*. Only a little wreckage and one empty boat has been found and it is therefore assumed that there are no more survivors.

A SEAMEN'S RESOLUTION.

DIABOLICAL MURDER.

LONDON, July 2. A meeting of 100 seamen and stewards at Liverpool passed a resolution strongly protesting against the latest crime of sinking the hospital ship *Llandovery Castle* without warning and urging Mr. Havelock Wilson to add five years to the post-war boycott of Germans "for this most diabolical and most cowardly murder of our brothers on the seas."

BELGIAN STEAMER SUNK.

25 SURVIVORS PICKED UP.

WASHINGTON, July 3. It is announced that a German submarine sank the Belgian steamer *Arcturion*, 1,400 miles from the Atlantic coast on June 21.

Twenty-five survivors were picked up on June 27.

STRIKES IN AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY.

OWING TO REDUCTION OF BREAD RATION.

AMSTERDAM, July 2. A telegram from Vienna, dated June 27, says that 80,000 strikers were out in Vienna and Lower Austria, including men engaged in war industries, last week owing to the reduction of the bread ration. The strikers resumed work on the promise of an increase in wages until the new harvest.

The strike in Hungary is more stubborn owing to its political character. One hundred thousand struck in protest of M. Tizsa's policy and demanded the resignation of the Government and the carrying out of the original electoral reform proposal.

FOOD SCARCITY IN BAVARIA.

ZURICH, July 2. A Munich telegram states that the general food situation is so unfavourable that the provisioning of the Bavarian population is most difficult.

LAND SETTLEMENT IN COURLAND.

AMSTERDAM, July 2. A telegram from Kovno to the *Ally Press* states that the land settlement scheme in Courland, men- tioned yesterday, has now been completed with a minimum of 900 hectares assigned to sell one-third of their land at 1014 prices.

BRITONS EXPELLED FROM FINLAND.

TO CONCEAL MOVEMENTS OF GERMAN FORCE.

LONDON, July 2. Reuters' Correspondent at Helsinki reports from a high military authority that all Britons are to be expelled from Finland.

It is believed that this is due to the fact that the Germans desire to conceal the movements of a considerable German force marching through Finland in order to take possession of a warm water port on the Kola Peninsula or the Murman coast.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR.

A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.

LONDON, July 2. The Press Bureau states that His Majesty the King has expressed a desire that the Fourth of August, being the fourth anniversary of the war, should be observed with special solemnity as a National Day of Prayer.

Their Majesties the King and Queen and both Houses of Parliament will attend an intercession service on behalf of the Nation and the Empire.

MUNITIONS FACTORY EXPLOSION IN ENGLAND.

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

LONDON, July 2. The Press Bureau announces that a serious explosion occurred on the night of July 1 at a national shell-filling factory in the Midlands.

It is feared that between 60 and 70 people have perished and the number of injured is unknown.

A considerable part of the productive capacity of the factory was saved and work is being resumed in a few days.

The women workers behaved splendidly, urging to be allowed to return to work.

There will be no appreciable diminution in the output.

UNITED STATES SHIPBUILDING.

RECORD TOTAL FOR JUNE.

WASHINGTON, July 3. The ship production in the United States during June amounted to 280,400 deadweight tons, a record total.

The 1918 production, so far, is 1,084,670 tons.

Mr. Baker has announced that the progress of shipping troops overseas has been so well maintained that the United States is six months ahead of the original programme. Altogether over a million American soldiers have sailed for France.

THE WORLD'S FINANCIAL SITUATION.

GERMANY MARCHING TO BANKRUPTCY.

LONDON, July 3. In the House of Lords, Lord Emmott, Director of the War Trade Department, reviewing the financial situation said the nations of the world were mostly living on their capital. If the war was protracted the situation here might be viewed apprehensively, but in Germany was with positive terror. If Germany was unable to get an indemnity she must raise an additional three or four hundred millions annually from direct taxation, inevitably leading to friction between the Federal States and the Imperial Government. Germany was marching to bankruptcy and it would take a lot to set her on her legs again. When it became evident that an indemnity was unobtainable, there would be a change of spirit in the German peoples.

REDUCED OUTPUT OF COAL.

A SERIOUS OUTLOOK IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, June 3. The Press Bureau states that the withdrawal of 75,000 miners from British collieries involves a reduction of 22,500,000 tons in the coal output. It is also estimated that an extra 12,500,000 tons will be required for war purposes for France, Italy, neutrals and coaling stations. The shortage of British consumption thus amounts to 35,000,000 tons per annum. A household rationing scheme will save 8,000,000 tons, leaving 27,000,000 tons to be provided by the improved output and economies in industrial and transport consumption. This is a most serious outlook and therefore it is imperative that there should be every possible economy.

A RUSSIAN DECREE.

CAPITAL AND PROPERTY NATIONALISED.

LONDON, July 3. A wireless Russian official message says that a decree of the Government Council nationalises all the important industrial undertakings with all capital and property within the Republic.

On a train travelling from Halifax to Montreal a soldier's wife belonging to the latter city were both slain. The interesting feature of the event for those outside the home circle is the fact that the first baby to arrive, a boy, was born in the United States territory and the second baby, a girl, in Canada. So the boy, born at the U.S. frontier, remained an infant until he is 21, when he will have the choice of remaining an American or becoming a Canadian citizen.

AMERICAN CABLES.

[U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATION SERVICE TO MANILA.]

NEW GERMAN CRUISER SUBMARINES DESTROYED.

FOUR OUT OF SIX.

WASHINGTON, June 27. The Allies have destroyed four of the six big cruiser submarines Germany recently constructed.

NEW RIVETING RECORD.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27. A shipyard near here has established a new record by riveting 80,000 rivets per day in one week. The previous record of 70,000 rivets was held by a Seattle yard.

The Oregon district shipyards have launched 67 ships in the past 12 months.

MORE WOOD SHIPS FOR FRANCE.

SEATTLE, June 27. The French Government has authorized its High Commissioner in the United States to place orders in Pacific coast shipyards for the construction of 40,000,000 worth of wooden vessels. The Commissioner is authorized to order the construction of twice that amount of shipping in the event that the shipyards are prepared to turn out 3,000-ton vessels in addition to their work for the United States Shipping Board.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR WAR WORKERS.

WASHINGTON, June 27. A Congressional conference has provided that all employees of legislative, executive and judicial departments work eight hours a day instead of seven, receiving additional remuneration for the extra work.

ANOTHER LOAN TO BELGIUM.

WASHINGTON, June 27. Another credit of \$225,000 has been given Belgium, making that country's total loans from the United States \$122,600,000.

The aggregate total credits to the Allies are now \$5,572,500,000 from the United States.

AMERICANS IN GERMAN PRISON CAMPS.

WASHINGTON, June 27. The United States, through Spain, has asked Germany to send representatives to Bern, Switzerland, on August 20 to discuss the maintenance, treatment and exchange of prisoners.

The United States has also asked Germany to permit a Swiss representative to visit the German prison camps in order to determine what American prisoners may be classed as invalids, to be sent to Switzerland for internment for the duration of the war.

JEWISH ARMY IN PALESTINE.

PITTSBURGH, June 27. The Zionist Convention disclosed that a Jewish Legion of 8,000 men is now with the British forces fighting for the complete conquest of Palestine.

It is planned to increase the force to 20,000 to provide a national standing army for the coming Jewish Republic.

Every Jew who enlisted in the Legion from the United States is pledged to remain in Palestine for the remainder of his life.

U.S. FINANCIERS TO HELP CHINA.

LOANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES.

WASHINGTON, June 28. A number of prominent bankers held conferences with officials of the Treasury Department.

It is stated that a syndicate is being formed for the purpose of granting loans for the development of Chinese industries.

The conference discussed the resumption of American participation in China to loans with financiers of other countries or by the combined interests of American institutions.

PURE DRINKING WATER FOR AMERICAN ARMY.

WASHINGTON, June 28. Surgeon General Gorges announced that mobile water trains, each equipped with a filtration plant and an expert chemist and bacteriologist, will provide the American soldiers in France with pure drinking water.

LARGEST BASE HOSPITAL IN WORLD AT NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, June 28. The largest base hospital in the world has been opened by the Government near here.

The institution cost \$1,000,000 and has a staff of 450.

WOOD FOR NEARLY 60,000 AEROPLANES.

TACOMA, June 28. The Pacific coast is delivering 10,000,000 feet of spruce monthly. Sufficient lumber has already been furnished to build 67,000 airplanes.

CIVILIANS COMPELLED BY GERMAN TO DIG TRENCHES.

WASHINGTON, June 28. French cables report that the Germans forced 1,000 inhabitants of Courtil to go to the front and build trenches and military roads.

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HOW GERMANY GOT THE
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KAISER IN CAPTURED BRITISH
BOMBING PLANE.

TO DESTROY LONDON.

A Dutch engineer, Mr. Theodore Van der Linden, who was working in Essen in 1917, gives an account in the "Washington Post" of the arrival in the Krupp city of the English aeroplane which fell in the German lines and which was copied for the building of the new Gotha. We make the following extracts from the article as it appeared in the "Daily Mail."

Mr. Van der Linden states that one day at Essen there was great excitement in the aeroplane departments, when, without the slightest warning, the Kaiser, accompanied by the Crown Prince and Hindenburg, arrived at the Villa Hugel.

Prolonged conferences were held at the Villa Hugel, and in all these General von Hoppner participated. I learned the secret of their conferences as a result of the confidence of one of the officers in the aeroplane department who was quarantined with me. The man one evening told me with great glee of the capture by the Germans of a wonderful British aeroplane. He said that the machine had been sent from England to France and had descended in error during a thick fog inside the German lines.

On the following day I actually saw the machine, in company with the overseer who had told me of it.

While we were examining the aeroplane I heard the sound of motor-cars approaching, and, looking up, was surprised to see the Kaiser, Crown Prince, and others coming with Hoppner and von Bohlen. The Kaiser and Crown Prince went aboard and all the details of control and the bomb-dropping apparatus were carefully explained to them. The War Lord took the pilot's seat, and turning to the Crown Prince, who was occupying the gunner's seat, said, "A useful gift from our enemies. We can use it with good effect against them."

CROWN PRINCE'S DREAM.

The Crown Prince agreed, and added, "These will be the machines to destroy London."

After the two machines had descended from the machine it was loaded with dummy bombs in preparation for a flight. The now famous German flying officer Richtofen took the seat which the Kaiser had vacated, and two other officers also boarded the plane. With a terrific roar the two engines were started, and like a bird the aeroplane rose in the air. It climbed rapidly to about 10,000 ft., and the Kaiser turned to General Hoppner, saying:

"How is it that, at such a height and on so cold a morning, the lubricants do not freeze?"

"The British have discovered the secret which we have been seeking for months," replied the General. "Our great difficulty is now surmounted. It is a gift from Providence. Does it not show that God fights for us?"

As the pilot in the exhibition flight manoeuvred the machine, "performing some wonderful feats, the excitement of the Kaiser was intense. Closely he watched the plane through his glasses, and during a sensational spiral dive, when it seemed that the machine must certainly crash to earth, so close was it to the ground, it darted upward again, almost on its tail.

A few weeks later von Hoppner was appointed head of the Imperial German Air Service. Kruppers were kept busy constructing the powerful twin engines for these machines of death, while special plant was laid down in other towns and factories speeded up. It was well-known in Essen and other places in Germany that in the early summer of 1917 a large fleet of these machines would be ready to commence operations against Britain. The production of Gothas of an improved type was rapid. By June last it was stated that Germany possessed a fleet of 60.

ORIGINATOR OF STANDARD SHIPS.

The names of the originator and original designers of the "national" standard ships are now permitted to be made public, writes the "Morning Post." It appears that last summer Mr. Thomas Graham, B.Sc., at present a member of the Royal Corps of Naval Construction, submitted a design for an improved highly standardised standard ship to Sir Eustace d'Eyncourt, Director of Naval Construction. Collaboration between Sir Eustace and Mr. Graham resulted in a form of ship being evolved whose model experiments more than justified the claim originally advanced, and at the same time did not involve a surrender of any of the structural simplicity which was the prime object of the proposals. After searching examination by the leading shipbuilding authorities, the worth and usefulness of the design were confirmed, and the type was adopted by the government for their "national" ships. Mr. Graham, who is a son of the late Mr. Thomas Graham, a well-known Edinburgh and Glasgow lawyer, was trained as a naval architect at Messrs. John Brown and Company, Clydebank, and is a graduate of Glasgow University. Sir Eustace d'Eyncourt since the war has figured prominently in shipbuilding, and in connection with the tanks.

THE BRITISH "FOREIGN" OFFICE.
BEGINNING TO STUDY FOREIGN
LANDS.

The following is reproduced from the "London Daily Mail" of April 27—
Two main points in the report issued last night, April 26, on modern languages by a strong committee appointed by Mr. Lloyd George are points that have repeatedly been made in this paper. One is the need for learning Spanish; the other is our Foreign Office's lack of experts trained in the study of foreign nations.

As to the latter, it is indicated that the Foreign Office has just "reached the conclusion" that an excellent preparation for a career in it or the Diplomatic Service would be (not even is) a systematic study of one or two countries, with their history, economics, and the like, as well as their languages. It reminds one of the travelled American's joke in the second year of the war—that the only neutral he had come across was the British Foreign Office.

Shortly before his death Lord Cromer sent to the committee a very frank communication, showing how the conduct of public affairs in Egypt had been hampered by British ignorance of foreign languages, especially French. Lord Cromer was apparently referring to the men sent him by our Foreign Office, for the committee adds: "His examples were very telling, but cannot be quoted by us without indiscretion."

The chief recommendation in the report is, of course, that foreign languages, especially French, Spanish, German, and Russian, must be more carefully taught and studied in this country. The neglect of modern studies, it says, was a symptom of our intellectual apathy, "or perhaps rather of an excessive absorption in other interests—sports and similar amusements, politics, class conflicts, business, and routine."

A certain reluctance to go abroad was observed in young Britons, while on the other hand it was noted that many employers seemed to prefer the easy course of gleaning at British education while employing cheap German clerks.

The necessity of Spanish is strongly emphasised, especially since the beginning of the war. The committee says: "Spanish has perhaps the greatest commercial importance; we have had conclusive evidence of the damage suffered by British trade in America by British ignorance of Spanish." Slow as the United States is in foreign language study it is far ahead of us in the supply of Spanish text-books and hand-books.

AERIAL FLYING OVER THE
HIMALAYAS.

Mountaineers and travelled scientists have been discussing the possibility of airman flying the Himalayas. Dr. A. M. Kellas thinks they may, presently, if they avoid the six peaks which rise above 27,000 feet. Rear-Admiral Mark Kerr says it will not be done for 100 years; that is, successful reconnaissance flying. Dr. Kellas may see machines this year capable of ascending to a height probably exceeding that of even the forbidden peaks. The oxygen which he demands will be forthcoming, but the snowfields and glaciers remain where landing places should be.

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